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SUBJ: OPPOSITION ELECTORAL PACT AND MOVES TOWARD OPPOSITION FRONT

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1. SUMMARY: FOUR PENINSULAR MALAYSIA OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES HAVE ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF UNITED ELECTORAL FRONT TO CONTEST FORTHCOMING PARLIAMENTARY BY-ELECTION AND HAVE FORMED COMMITTEE TO EXPLORE POSSIBILITY OF PERMANENT COOPERATION. IDEOLOGICAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC DAP AND MARXIST-LENINIST PARTI RAKYAT HAVE HERETOFORE BEEN PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK TO OPPOSITION COALITION. SARAAZK NATIONAL PARK

DID NOT JOIN IN ANNOUNCEMENT. END SUMMARY.

2. FOUR PENINSULAR MALAYSIA OPPOSITION POLITICAL PARTIES -- DEMOCRATIC ACTION PARTY (DAP), SOCIAL JUSTICE PARTY (PEKEMAS), MALAYAN PEOPLES' SOCIALIST PARTY (PARTI RAKYAT), AND NATIONAL JUSTICE UNITY PARTY (KITA) -- HAVE ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF AN ELECTORAL PACT TO CONTEST FORTHCOMING BY-DEEVQION FOR K.L. AREA PARLIAMENTARY SEAT HELD BY THE LATE NATIONAL FRONT/MCA MP WALTER LOH. MORE SIGNIFICANTLY, OPPOSITION PARTIES ALSO

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ANNOUNCED THEY ARE FORMING COMMITTEE TO BE HEADED BY PARTI

RAKYAT CHAIRMAN KASSIM AHMAD TO WORK OUT PROGRAM OF INTER-PARTY COOPERATION.

3. AS REPORTED REF A, MANY IN OPPOSITION HAVE HOPED TO ESTABLISH SOME SORT OPPOSITION COALITION. PRINCIPAL STUMBLING BLOCK HAS BEEN IDEOLOGICAL CONFLICT BETWEEN DAP, WHICH SEES SELF AS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTY ON EUROPEAN MODEL, AND PARTAI RAKYAT WHICH IS DOMINATED BY MARXIST-LENINIST IDEOLOGUES. SINCE THESE ARE MOST IMPORTANT OPPOSITION PARTIES IN PENINSULAR MALAYSIA THEIR COOPERATION IS SINE QUA NON FOR SUCCESS OF OPPOSITION FRONT.

4. SARAWAK NATIONAL PARTY (SNAP) WAS INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN MEETING TO ESTABLISH ELECTORAL FRONT AND UNITED OPPOSITION COMMITTEE, BUT DID NOT ATTEND. AT THIS POINT WE CANNOT SAY WHETHER SNAP IS DELIBERATELY AVOIDING ASSOCIATION WITH OTHER OPPOSITION PARTIES OR SIMPLY MISSED MEETING. SNAP, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN COOPERATING IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE FORMED BY POLITICAL OPPOSITION TO PROTEST DETENTION OF POLITICAL PRISONERS (REF B).

5. COMMENT: IT IS TOO EARLY TO PREDICT SUCCESS OR FAILURE OF THIS ATTEMPT TO FORM OPPOSITION FRONT (WHICH PEKEMAS PRESIDENT DR. TAN CHEE KHOON HAS DUBBED THE "PEOPLES' FRONT" IN CONTRAST TO THE RULING "NATIONAL FRONT"). RECENTLY, GOM ACTIONS AGAINST POLITICAL AND SOCIAL DISSENTERS (INCLUDING STUDENTS) HAVE BROUGHT PARTIES TOGETHER IN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE; CONTINUED GOM PRESSURE COULD KEEP THESE POLITICALLY "STRANGE BEDFELLOWS" TOGETHER. MEANWHILE, FORTHCOMING BY-ELECTION SHOULD PROVIDE AN EARLY TEST FOR UNITED OPPOSITION'S POLITICAL APPEAL.
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